

June 17, 2000

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Chair
Walter F. Walker, Vice Chair
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.
Charles L. Glazer
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.
Benjamin P.A. Warthen
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	Timothy B. Robertson
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.	Terence P. Ross
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Twohy
T. Keister Greer	James C. Wheat, III
Joseph E. Wolfe	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Affairs
and Athletics Committee on June 17, 2000

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 8:55 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2000, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Chair, presided. Walter F. Walker, Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Charles L. Glazer, Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Benjamin P.A. Warthen, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector,

were present. Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., T. Keister Greer, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, James C. Wheat, III, and Joseph E. Wolfe.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, William W. Harmon, Peter W. Low, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Robert D. Sweeney, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Gene D. Block, L. Jay Lemons, Thomas Hall, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair asked Mr. Harmon, Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Harmon introduced Mr. Thomas Hall, Chair of the Honor Committee, and asked him to report.

Mr. Hall gave a brief overview of Honor Committee plans and statistics. The Committee's new Legal Advisor, Ms. Rachel Setear, he said is providing excellent counsel. The Committee held a retreat, as a training session, in late March at the Graves Mountain Lodge in Madison County and will hold another as an orientation for support officers in late August. There is no significant backlog of cases and several trials have been scheduled over the summer. Final statistics for the 1999-2000 academic session will be compiled in August and will be given to the Board by the October meeting. The Committee is in the midst of an aggressive campaign to recruit minority students for support staff. The Review Commission, which was formed in April, has begun its work.

In response to questions from Members, Mr. Hall said a rough breakdown of cases over the past year would be about 30 for cheating, 4 for lying, 3 for stealing and several which combine two of these. One case remains from 1998 and another from 1999; both of these involve students who have left the University.

Mr. Harmon gave the Committee a brief update on the work of the Alcohol Task Force in implementing its recommendations which had been approved by the Board. Visits to the Emergency Room related to alcohol abuse

appear to have dropped, as has alcohol-related damage to University housing. Mr. Glazer asked Mr. Phelan, as the Student Member, for his estimate on the situation. Mr. Phelan said he thought all appropriate efforts are being made, though it is not possible - nor appropriate - "to hold everyone's hand."

The President commented at length on the recent history of student alcohol abuse at the University and the efforts being made to counteract it. Mr. Phelan commented that it was his view, as a former football player, that drinking in Scott Stadium seems to have diminished. Mr. Glazer told Mr. Harmon he thought it very important to emphasize to new students at Orientation that they should never leave drunk friends by themselves.

The Rector, saying that he spoke on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Harmon, Ms. Rue, the Task Force and the President for all that they are doing to deal with this problem.

The Chair reminded the Committee that Board at its February meeting had asked the Administration for suggestions on how to strengthen the fraternity system. A committee, chaired by Ms. Rue, the Dean of Students, has been working on this all spring and has compiled a preliminary report and set of recommendations. The Chair said this will be considered by the Board at the Retreat in July.

Mr. Holland, the Director of Athletics, gave a report on the Spring teams. He followed this with a general discussion of a variety of Athletics issues.

The Chair told Mr. Holland he thought it important to "benchmark" Athletics against the performance of a number of the University's competitors. Mr. Holland agreed to do this.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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